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Applicant: Nicholas L. Abbott *et al.*  
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FOR LIQUID CRYSTAL ASSAY  
Appl. No.: 10/625,869  
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REQUEST FOR STATUS

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The above-described patent application was filed on July 23, 2003. Applicants have received the return receipt postcard showing that the application has tentatively been assigned serial number 10/625,869 and accorded a filing date of July 23, 2003. However, Applicants have not yet received the Filing Receipt or any other communication with respect to this application. Thus, the only communication from the Patent and Trademark Office with respect to this application was the return receipt postcard. On October 22, 2003, Applicants filed a Request for Status requesting that Applicants' attorney be advised of the current status of the above-referenced application. Although Applicants' attorney received the return receipt postcard stamped as received by the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) on October 27, 2003, Applicants received no response to their request. Applicants, therefore, hereby request that Applicants' undersigned attorney be advised of the current status of the above-referenced application.

A duplicate of this Request for Status is enclosed for use by the Patent and Trademark Office to expedite notification of Applicants' attorney as to the status of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date February 23, 2004

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